LATEST NEWS OF TITLE FIGHT BETWEEN CARPENTIER AND DEMPSEY

DEMPSEY'S FITNESS QUESTION AT ISSUE

Should Win Handily if His Form Approximates That Shown at Toledo.

LAST BOUT CAUSES DOUBT

Champion's Condition in Final Week of Training Will Furnish Answer to Problem.

By CHARLES F. MATHISON.

Although a large majority of Amerians believe that Dempsey will win his fight with Georges Carpentier on July 2, the question of the chamcondition always obtrudes itself when the subject of the combat

is quite generally conceded that if Dempsey approximates his Toledo orm, which in the matter of physical probably never was ex alled by any heavyweight boxer, h ill prevail over the French champion The American was in superb physical dition when he toppled over the Willard, and it is questionable heavyweight in the world ave successfully withstood the in furious attack that the youngster aunched against the human mountain from Pottawatomie. It is unlikely that 'arpentier could have remained on his quished feet before the onslaught that swept

he has suffered enough physical deterioration since his Toledo victory

the high standard of physical excellence sessed in the fight in which he won onship, for a boxer reaches

tandard of speed, strength and that marked him at New Orleans

Fitzsimmons was an exception to the general rule, but it is not unlikely he as at the top of his form at Carson. March 17, 1897.

Jeffries was the one heavyweight who retired from the ring and relinquished the title while in the full flush of athletic vigor. He made the sad mistake of returning to the roped square after five years of idleness, and paid the penalty through a humiliating defeat at the hands of Jack Johnson.

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Tommy Burns never was in the first
that of heavies and won the title solely
ause his opponents were mediocre.
tack Johnson would have held the
tors for many years but for his acmes that brought him into disfavor he Federal authorities.

Boxing Championship



MIKE GIBBONS The St. Paul Ghost is engaging a campaign to force Johnny

Willard to defeat in the battle of Maumee Bay.

The problem that now confronts the admirers of the American is whether admirers of the American is whether the confronts the admirers of the American is whether the confronts the admirers of the American is whether the confronts the admirers of the American is whether the confronts was in his prime when klaus became the champion of the class, and there is small question the Ghost could have mesmerized Klaus. The same applies to George Chip, who succeeded Klaus, and to McCoy, who was the successory of Chip. cessor of Chip. Yet previous to McCoy landing his lucky punch on Chip Gib-bons handed a most artistic trouncing to the southpaw one afternoon in the Irving A. C., Brooklyn, Notwithstanding

the fact that Gibbons demonstrated as superiority over McCoy, the St. Paul ex-pert made no effort for a return match after McCoy gained the title. Despite the fact that Gibbons is now 34 years of age, the clean life he has led enables him to fight with nearly all the vigor of his early days, and therefore the fact that he now seeks a title match. Sullivan was at the apex of physical efficiency in the battle with Paddy Ryan for the championship, London rules.

Jim Corbett was a magnificent athough the fact that he now seeks a title match with Wilson must be seriously considered. Gibbons will put himself to a test on Decoration Day when he meets soldier better the boxed Bartifield at Ebbets Field. He boxed Bartifield in the same field in 1915 and the Soldier won on points. It will be interesting to see what Gibbons does to the Soldier in their next meeting.

Dempsey Receives Token From Lord Mayor of Dublin

Champion Deeply Impressed With Emerald Isle Souvenir.

By CHARLES F. MATHISON.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 21 .- Many honors have been heaped on Jack Demp-sey since he began training for his comsey since he began training for his com-bat with Georges Carpentier July 2, but none so deeply impressed the champion as the event of to-day, when Lawrence O'Neill, Lord Mayor of Dublin, called at the boxer's quarters and presented to him a token of esteem from Erin's Isle. It was in the form of a bookmark, on

At Thirty-four He Seeks | Post-War Carpentier a Much Improved Fighter START NEXT WEEK CENTURY AT CRICKET

So Decalres French Critic, Who Likens Georges's Box- Entries for Memorial Day Runs Up 109 in Team Total of ing to 'Fencing With Fists'-Why European Champion Has Advanced as a Hitter.

By FERNAND BARDIANI.

And predent would have held the best and the predent authorities.

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Wil inds)—not much for his height of 5 t 9 inches. Bony, broad shouldered

SOUND REGATTAS TO J. L. POYER SCORES A posterday by a margin of 76 runs.

Races Will Close on Saturday Night.

137 for Brooklyn.

The outstanding feature of the cricket match played at Ulmer Park yesterday between the Brooklyn and Manhattan teams in the championship series of the Metropolitan League, and which resulted in a draw, was the splendid batting performance of J. L. Poyer, who has the honor of running up the first "century" of the season in the metropolitan district. Poyer went in first and carrying his bat through the entire runs, scored

X	BROOKLYN.	
of n Sweet-	H. Poyer, c. Thomas, b. Meyer. V. H. Cockeram, run out. L. D. MacDonald, c. Godfrey, b. Broadbent R. C. M. Browne, c. Comacho, b. Broadbent	01086
d	Total	37
e	J. E. Langley, b. J. L. Poyer	3
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The opening same in the series of the New York and New Jersey Cricket Asso-ciation was played at Pelham Bay Park yesterday, when the Columbia Oval team yesterday, when the Columbia Oval team

y cricketer, who earned a worldwide repall time, is dead at the age of 56. He was a regular member of the county team for fifteen years and during his career took part in all the representative games. He established a record in August, 1896, with a ball which bowled George Lohmann by knocking the ball 63 yards 6 inches behind the stumps.

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Veterans were all disposed of for a total of 68, to which E. King contributed 18 and H. Critchlow 13. The Colonials then went to bat and had scored 164 for the loss of 5 wickets when play ceased for the day.

Victory for Staten Island.

Playing their opening game of the season on the grounds of the Manor Field Club at West New Brighton, the Staten Island Cricket Club defeated an eleven of the University of Pennsyl-

YANKEE POLO TEAM IS 1 TO 2 FAVORITE

Britons Not Backing Their Players to Keep the International Cup.

fact that Major W. F. (Rattle) Barrett played for England to-day, while

Out beyond Hammersmith this was a hectic polo day. While all London and charabanc, every vehicle on either bridge was held up by a mincing pro-cession of polo pontes which grooms were leading to three fields. -While the finally chosen English team was beating the Freebooters at Rochampton by a score of \$\times\$ to 2, the Americans were administering a 6 to 3 beating to the Woodpeckers at Ranelagh. Both games were hotly contested, but it was at Ranelagh, where the Americans played, that the page was hottest.

that the pace was hottest.
Competent polo critics who have seen
Capt. Davereux Milburn, J. Watson
Webb, Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., and C. C.
Rumsey perform before insist that the
Americans have not yet reached their
top form. Indeed, that was the impression after watching them play at Ranelagh this afternoon. Always they seemed
to be helding americant in rearry. to be holding something in reserve. Their improvement following the first good naturedly to "Tommy" Hitches could be heard all over the field, most drowning the music by the Guards band, which was playing in the back, ground. Again and again the speed of the American ponies enabled Capt. Mi-

Only in spots, however, did the game reach the pace of that of last Monday, which English participants described as the hottest ever played on British soil But whatever speed was needed the Americans had and they won handliy

